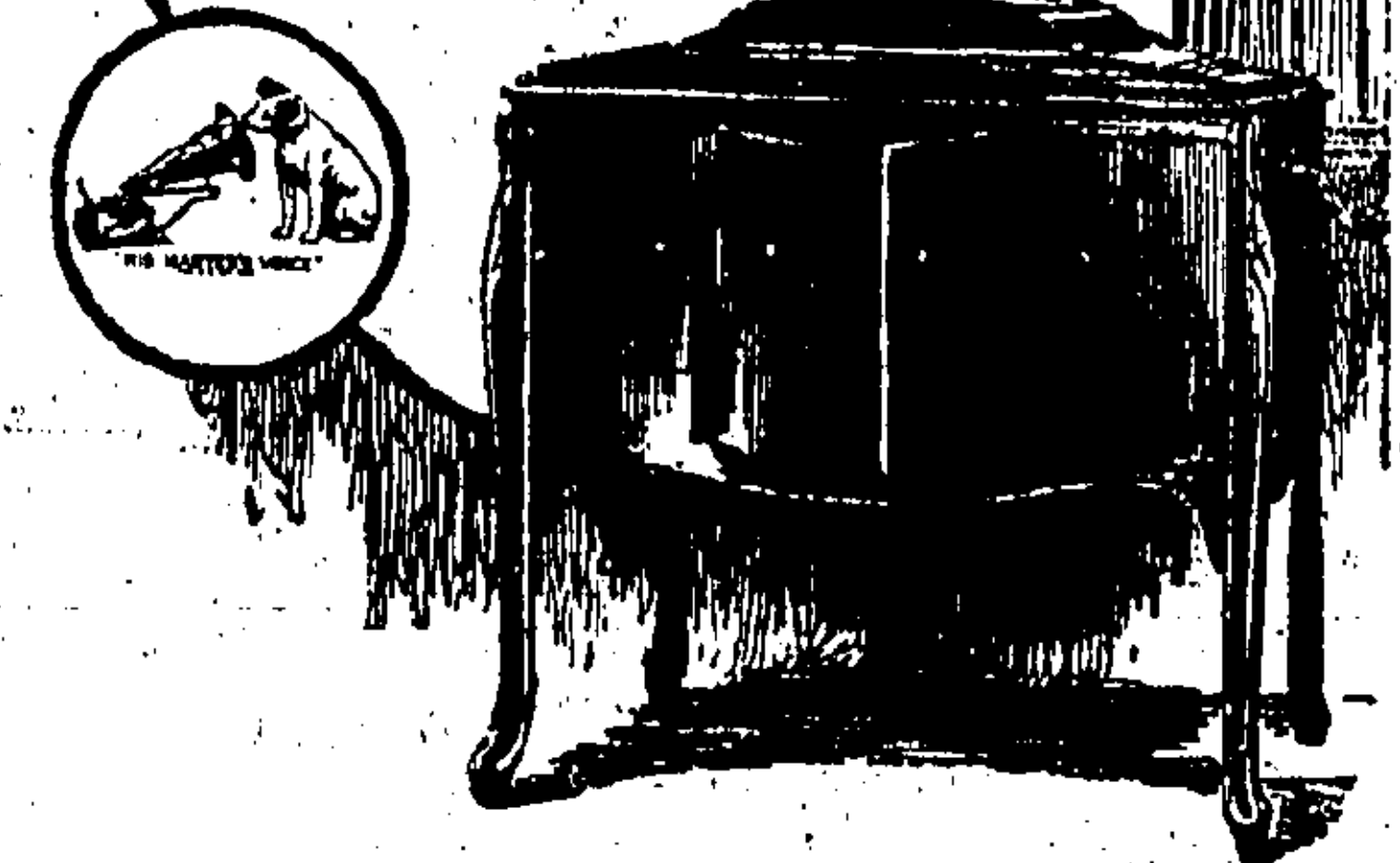


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GHENT, September 1.

At the opening of the eleventh international co-operative congress, attended by 500 representatives from all European countries, Mr. Goedhart of Holland, as Chairman, appealed to all peoples for a world-wide extension of co-operative institutions. It was announced that meeting was being held in Rome for the purpose of creating a great international co-operative bank with a view to fighting high finance with its alleged anti-co-operative tendencies.

TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

LABOUR AND GOVERNMENT.

MESSAGE FROM FRENCH MINERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 1.

At the Trade Union Congress at Hull, Mr. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, received a telegram from the French Miners, strongly protesting against the Dawes scheme and its effect on German workers. Mr. Marchbank, a railwayman, hoped an opportunity would be given to discuss the Dawes Report, which, he said, was designed to benefit international capitalism and ruin the working-class movement.

Mr. Pollitt, a boiler maker, impassionedly demanded a Trade Union movement to control the policy of the Labour Government. The Congress should emphatically repudiate the threat to introduce emergency powers to act in Trade Union disputes and denounce the Dawes report, which made war inevitable.

Mr. Robert Smillie, on behalf of the executive, while not denying the right of the Congress to criticise the Government's policy, defended the latter. He said the Dawes agreement was in the best interest of the workers both in Britain and Germany.

The portion of the Council's report declaring it was not the function of the Congress to enlarge upon Labour Government Legislation was carried by a large majority, despite the attack of the Communist section. The Congress then adjourned.

SEVEN HUNDRED PRESENT.

EARLIER.

The Trade Union Congress opened in the City Hall, Hull, with 700 delegates representing four and half million members. Mr. Purcell, M.P., presiding, said that labour's task was to capture every legislative and administrative function. Referring to the position of the German workers, Mr. Purcell said that British trade unionism ought to insist that if reparations and indemnities had to be paid under the Dawes scheme, they should be paid without injury to the recipients. The burden should fall upon the exploiter and profiteer. Mr. Purcell commended the Russian treaty and warned the Congress that possibly opposition to the treaty might decide the fate of the Government.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY ELECTED.

CHOICE FALLS ON M. MOTTA.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, September 1.

M. Motta, of Switzerland, amid prolonged applause, was elected President of the Assembly of the League of Nations. Forty-five out of 47 States voted for him.

PUBLIC GALLERIES PACKED.

The fifth assembly of the League of Nations opened with the public galleries packed. M. Hymans of Belgium, acting President, was given an ovation. In his speech he described the progress of the League and affirmed that the League was indispensable to the life of the nations.

M. Hymans lauded the settlement of the Reparations Question at the London Conference, as ushering in a period of peace, tranquillity and progress. Referring to the disarmament question, however, he said the very serious problem of security remained.

Europe was unable to live in a state of insecurity. Peace must be built on firm, legal, political foundations. All eyes were turned to the League in the hope it would find a solution. The presence of M. Herriot and Mr. MacDonald testified to the growing importance of the League, said M. Hymans.

GERMANY AND THE RUHR.

PAYMENT FOR REPARATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, September 1.

The various stages fixed for the re-establishment of German economic sovereignty in the Ruhr will be calculated from to-day as a result of the meeting of the Reparations Commission officially registering the promulgation of the German Dawes Law.

TWENTY MILLIONS PAID.

BERLIN, September 1.

The Minister of Finance, Herr Luther, states that Germany to-day paid into the Reichbank, on account of the Agent-General for Reparations, a sum of 20,000,000 gold marks.

This is the first instalment for the service of the impending German international loan.

LABOUR DAY IN U.S.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES DELEGATION.

WAGE-EARNERS "ON VELVET."

COMMON-SENSE GOVERNMENT WANTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, September 1.


All the presidential candidates to-day made appeals to the Labour vote.

President Coolidge, receiving a delegation of Labour leaders at the White House, told them that American wage-earners were living under better circumstances than at any time in the country's history. They enjoyed a greater buying power than in any country on earth. He reiterated that he was for common-sense government under the American Constitution.

OLDER PARTIES ARRAIGNED.

Senator La Follette broadcast an arraignment of both the older parties, for the evils which he claims have grown up under their administration.

Mr. John Davis, addressing the Trade Unionists at Wheeling, West Virginia, urged his hearers to help bring the country to her rightful place in the Councils of Humanity.



REICHSTAG'S DIFFICULTIES.

CABINET AND DEMOCRACY.

RESULT OF NATIONALIST BARGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, September 1.

A difficult domestic situation will confront the Reichstag when it re-assembles on October 15; for it must immediately decide whether the Cabinet is to lose its present slight democratic tincture and become distinctly reactionary as a result of the bargain to secure Nationalist support in the adoption of the Dawes Bills under which the Centre and People's Parties pledged to help the Nationalists into the Cabinet.

A pretty squabble is now proceeding; for while the Nationalists claim their action secured the adoption of the Dawes Bills, the Democrats and Socialists point out that the Nationalists voted solidly against Bills requiring a simple majority, while fifty-four Nationalists, including the leaders, Herr Hergt and Herr Westarp, voted against the Railway bill and only forty-eight for it.

If the Nationalists are admitted to the Cabinet, their numbers will give them a dominating influence and claim to the Chancellorship with consequent power to wreck the plan which they consistently opposed. Hence the Democrats and Socialists are working for a dissolution and election, which, they are convinced, will enormously increase their strength in the Reichstag.

BELGIAN LOAN

THIRTY MILLIONS RAISED.

WITHDRAWAL OF TREASURY BONDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

BRUSSELS, September 1.

The Belgian Government has arranged a loan in the United States of \$30,000,000, bearing interest at 6 1/2 per cent., redeemable in 25 years.

It is stated that it will be utilised for withdrawing the Treasury Bonds, issued in the United States in 1920.

A New York message states that a syndicate, headed by Pierpont Morgan's people, is offering \$50,000,000 Belgian Gold Bonds. The price asked is 94.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

NAVAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, September 1.

The French Authorities have instructed the Rear Admiral, commanding the French naval units in Chinese waters, to take the necessary steps in connection with the threatened civil war in China. He is to make his plans after consultation with the French diplomatic representative.

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DEFEAT OF PATTERSON.

(Reuter's American Service.)

FOREST HILL, September 1.

In the semi-finals of the American Singles Championship W. Johnston defeated G. L. Patterson. The score was 6-2, 6-0, 6-0.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of September 1924 until WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of September 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, August 24, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, September 5th, 1924, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14th August, 1924.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th October 1924 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close on 27th September 1924.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1924.

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By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1924.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH YEARLY DRAWING of DEBENTURES (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the Hongkong Club, Payable on TUESDAY, the 30th September, 1924, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock A.M. on MONDAY, the 8th September, 1924.

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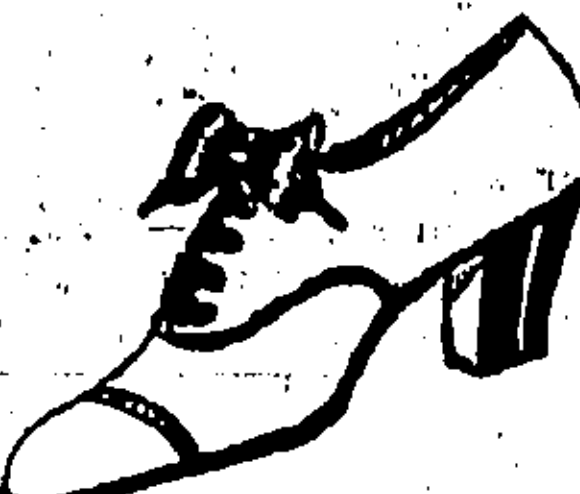
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The former King George II. of the Hellenes, who was dethroned last March when a Greek Republic was set up, has arrived in London.

In the last five months the number of "pirate" omnibuses running in London streets has increased from nearly 200 to more than 300.

The Rev. J. H. Ritson, senior secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has been elected next year's president of the Wesleyan conference.

The Board of Trade announces that from October 1, 1924, the importation of the plumage of the common swan will be prohibited without licence.

Four men were fishing in a motor-boat off Spurn Head, at the mouth of the Humber, when a fire broke out and spread to the oil fuel tank. They were rescued.

Professor A. F. Pollard has been adopted as Liberal candidate in the London University Parliamentary vacancy caused by the death of Sir Sydney Russell Wells, U.

Captain L. McNamee, formerly director of the Naval Intelligence Division at Washington, is to succeed Capt. C. L. Hussey as United States naval attaché in London.

The sale of the Government war-time munitions establishment at Gretna, Cumberland, ended at Carlisle, the total amount realised for 4 days' auction being £31,000.

The Prince of Wales, at Balfards, Addington, Surrey, opened the new Warehousemen, Clerks' and Drapers' Russell School, a memorial to old Russellians who died in the war.

Miss A. Dale, a New Zealand Government matron, who began her 56th voyage to New Zealand in the White Star liner "Tonic," travelled in the vessel on her maiden voyage more than 20 years ago.

The grand jury at London Sessions threw out the Bill against Police-Sergeant Dennis Liddington Wootton, 35, of the Metropolitan Police, who was charged with stealing a basket strawberries and was discharged.

Capt. and Quartermaster Ernest Opie, Prince of Wales Volunteer Regiment, convicted in connection with accountancy charges, has been sentenced by court martial to cashiering and to imprisonment for six months.

SEARCH FOR SEEDS.

SCOURING THE WORLD FOR RARE FLOWERS.

Plant collection used to be an agreeable side-line for the scientific-minded explorer. To-day it has grown into a full-time job, and collectors, working for a firm or for a syndicate, are to be found the world over.

An exciting calling, one would think, for its follower must unite a rare scientific knowledge with the spirit of an old-time adventurer.

In the Atlas Mountains of Africa, in the Andes of South America, in China, in Tibet, collectors are searching the wild places of the earth for new flowers, mostly for the English market.

For of all Western races it is the British who love their flowers the best. Gardens there are, and beautiful ones, too, in France, in Italy, in the States, but generally as the wealthy man's toys.

1. is in England that love of flowers and the garden becomes a national trait. From the millionaire, with his conservatory of costly orchids, to the poor man, with his window-box and his packet of seeds, almost every Englishman loves flowers and wants to have them about him.

It is this national characteristic that has brought into being the trade of the plant-hunter. The great commercial firms that cater for the market and its changing tastes may get their seeds and plants from British residents on the outskirts of the world, from missionaries from officials, but to keep pace with the demand they have to do more, and so send out their own expeditions.

An expedition may cost hundreds of pounds, but the rewards of success amply repay the expenditure, says Capt. F. K. Ward in "Romance of Plant Hunting."

Gone are the days when men used to gamble over tulip bulbs, and when fortunes were made and lost over a "corner" on the tulip exchange. But even to-day men are scouring wildest Turkestan, in Central Asia, for new tulip varieties. Orchids, again, may be a costly hobby; there are, by the way, 6,000 known forms, and more may yet be found in some savage corner of the unexplored earth.

It is not, however, for the very wealthy that the collector is really working, but for the little man with his scrap of garden or even his window-box. To cater for the pocket seed trade profits are surely as the bulbs of the wealthy hobbyist.

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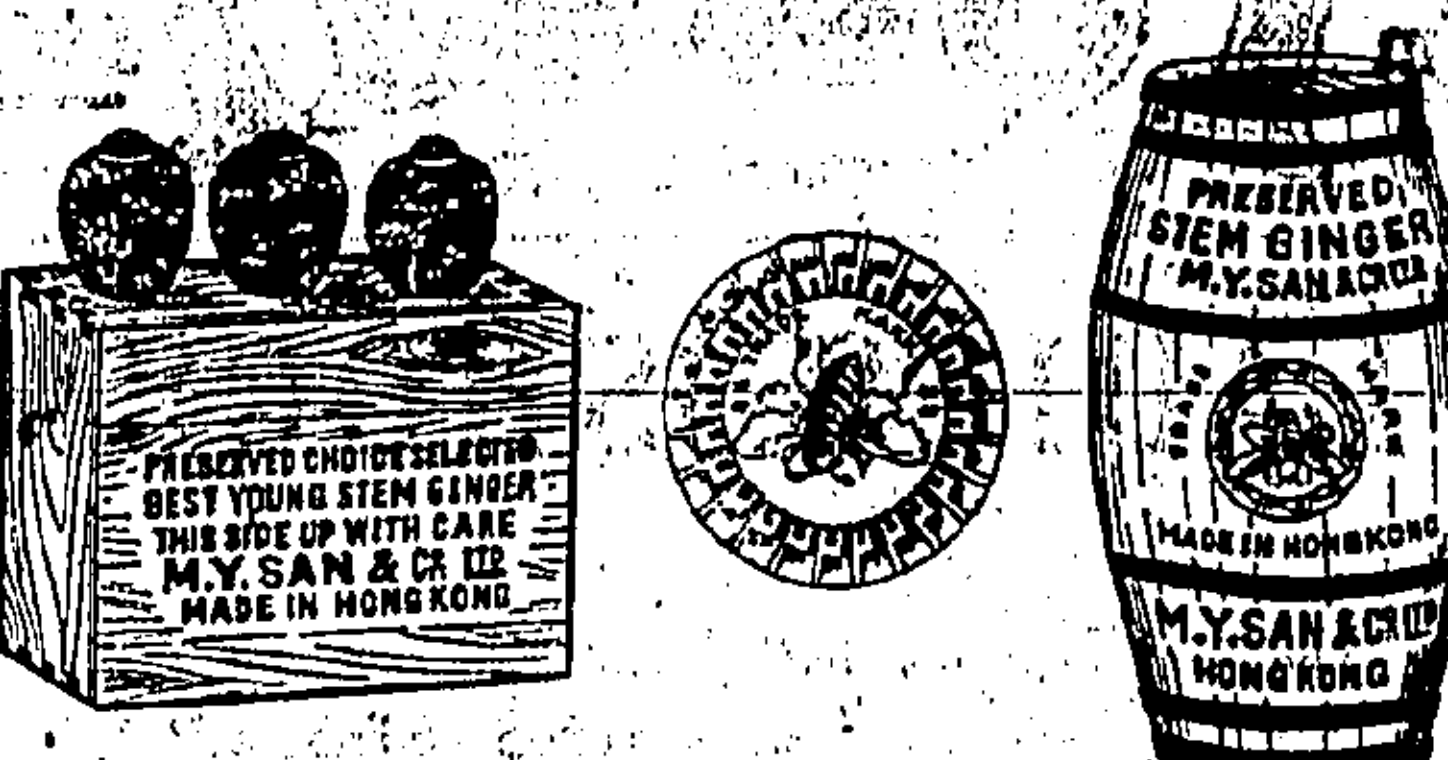
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CIVIL WAR AGAIN?

Another civil war seems imminent in China, another civil war which may quite easily develop, we are told, into the highest conflict since the revolution. Exactly why the country should be plunged into further bloodshed is a question doubtless quite beyond the weary masses to understand. The immediate trouble is between Kiangsu and Chekiang, but as a Shanghai paper points out, the common people of these two provinces are not hostile. Along with citizens from Kwangtung, Fukien, Anhwei, Chihli and elsewhere, they are going about their business in Shanghai, meeting together in the tea-houses, dining together in the restaurants, meeting in the guilds and chambers of commerce. Why should their provinces fight each

other? Like the cause of so many of China's troubles the reason can be traced to the jealousy among the rival war lords. The military governors of Kiangsu and Chekiang are at loggerheads over issues springing from old enmities. That is stating a somewhat complex position in its simplest form, a wise plan if the impending conflict is to be viewed aright. All the perfunctory oratory about protecting the rights of the people and furthering the best interests of the country—all the professions of high idealism which both leaders have poured out count for nothing against the fact that their motives are entirely selfish. Were their motives not entirely selfish they would at all costs avoid risking a crisis which can only do China the greatest harm in the eyes of the world. That any conflict between these two rival war lords must have the gravest results arises from two facts. Firstly, a new civil war is quite unnecessary from every standpoint except as we have said, that of gratifying selfish

motives based on old enmities; and secondly, once these two war lords come to grips, serious danger arises that General Wu Pei-fu and General Chang Tso-lin, with their satellite militarists, may soon become embroiled, thus involving the whole country in bloodshed. It requires no saying that besides wreaking havoc with the country's trade this would mean a tremendous blow to the Republic's already badly shaken prestige. Accordingly, the events of the next few days will be awaited with the greatest interest, since they might easily give a new turn to China's destiny.

Dietetics.

At the meeting of the British Medical Association in mall week, ominous portents were sounded regarding the human being's diet. It has been said that "we dig our graves with our teeth"—a note too cheery remark to bear in mind when about to partake of a hearty meal, in that careless mood best fitted to promote good digestion. The doctors have done well to warn us; but there is always something unsavoury in these well-meant admonitions. They depress us, frighten us, poison our minds and affect our bodies almost as evilly as the diet to which modern civilisation has condemned us. It is not suggested that we should be omnivorous to the extent of assimilating all that comes our way. But while food reform is bound to come, it would be wise not to worry too much about the dangers lurking in the average tiffin, which we must eat because we can command nothing better.

Careless Smokers.

Reuter's cable of a bus catching fire at Nuneston, through somebody striking a match while the driver was filling his petrol tank, recalls to mind the dangers that beset places in this Colony where motor vehicles are filled up. True, "No Smoking" notices are conspicuously displayed in the garages; but how often are they flagrantly ignored? Does the Ordinance prohibit smoking and match-striking; and if so is any attempt made to see that this regulation is carried out? Many a visitor has been startled by the nonchalant attitude of a chauffeur with a cigarette in his mouth while pouring "juice" into his petrol tank. It may be that these risks are run in ignorance; but there is no reason because a disastrous fire or explosion has not overtaken us, that nothing should be done. We suggest that posters—similar to those issued by the Traffic Police explaining the most common traffic dangers—with instructions in colloquial Chinese, should be issued so that even a "wash-up coolie" will have no cause to endanger his life and the safety of others who may be unfortunate enough to be in his vicinity.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 2.—Coronet Theatre; "Humoresque."
September 2.—World Theatre; "Straight from Paris."
September 2.—Queen's Theatre; "Her Sacrifice." "Judgment of the Storm" at night performances.
September 2.—Star Theatre; "A City Sparrow."

Friday, Sept. 26.—Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

September 10.—First ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, noon.

September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 6.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

September 6.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 6.30 p.m.

September 6.—Fourth yearly drawing of Debentures of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For lying within 100 yards of the Praya during prohibited hours last night, the mistresses of eight cargo-boats were each fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

A Chinese girl, aged 15 years, over-balanced and fell off a balcony at No. 44, Tai Yuen Street, second floor yesterday. When the girl was picked up, life was extinct.

A Chinese, named Wong Kam, on a charge of unlawful possession of a blanket at Queen's Road Central this morning, was fined \$10 or a fortnight's hard labour.

Hongkong has been enjoying fine weather for a few days. Steamers, which arrived yesterday and this morning, report generally good or fine weather, or favourable monsoon.

"A City Sparrow," the new Paramount film which portrays Ethel Clayton as an Apache dancer will be screened in the Star Theatre for the last time this evening.

Lo See, a Chinese woman, suffering from injuries to her head said to have been inflicted by her husband at a house in Shanghai Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment yesterday.

The dead body of a Chinese man was found this morning on a tree in Chan Ting-un's garden at Ngau Shi-wan. It was hanging by a piece of cloth round the neck. The man is believed to have committed suicide.

"Spiritualism" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday September 3rd, at 5.45 p.m. All are welcome.

At an early hour this morning two saloon waiters on the s.s. "Empress of Canada," whilst on their way from their homes at Kowloon City to their ship, were waylaid by two men armed with revolvers at Ma Tau-kok. The waiters were relieved of \$18.

There were taken to the Police Station yesterday by the Captain of the s.s. "Andre Lebon," now in harbour, four Luger pistols, seven revolvers and 2,280 rounds of ammunition. They were found on board the said ship, without any claimants coming forward.

At an early hour this morning, a Chinese named Li Wing-hang, living at No. 9, Caine Road, was accidentally injured by a bullet, said to have been fired by a Chinese officer named Li Fook-tin. The injured man was sent to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

The "Empress of Canada," which arrived from North, reports that at 11.25 a.m. on August 27 a Chinese steamer passenger, named Sim Tun-ken, jumped overboard and was drowned. Lifebuoys were thrown to him; the ship immediately turned to, lifeboats put out but were of no avail.

"Her Sacrifice," the all-Chinese screen play of modern Chinese life in Shanghai continues to draw full houses at the Queen's Theatre 2.30 and 7.15 performances. For the 5.15 and 9.15 performances, "Judgment of the Storm" featuring Lucille Rickson and Lloyd Hughes, will be the main attraction.

Mr. Keating, manager of some brick works at Deep Water Bay, has informed the Police that at 6.30 p.m. on August 31, his car No. 1236 was proceeding from Deep Water Bay to Kowloon, when, turning the curve near the brickworks, it came into collision with a Mercury Garage car, number unknown. Nobody was injured, though both cars suffered slight damage.

Because he placed his craft alongside a row of five junks which were lying abreast alongside the s.s. "Feng Lee," the pilot of a junk was fined \$5 by the Marine Magistrate this morning. When cargo is being worked on steamers only five junks or cargo boats can tie up alongside each other awaiting their turns to be next the steamer. A sixth link is an infringement.

The following is from a Ceylon paper: At the next meeting of the Finance Committee for the Ceylon Legislative Council the proposal to grant Sir Henry Gollan, who has been appointed Chief Justice of Hongkong, half salary from Ceylon funds for the period of the voyage to that Colony will come up for consideration. As Mr. L. H. Elphinstone will draw full salary as Attorney-General from the date of Sir Henry Gollan's departure from Ceylon no funds will be available to make the payment of half salary and a supplementary vote will be necessary.

LADY ROBBED. SNEAK-THIEF CAUGHT ON STEAMER.

DESPAIR OF FATHER.

Ma Ying, a son of the proprietor of the s.s. "Kwong Sai," was this morning charged with larceny from the person of a European lady traveller from Canton to Hongkong, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Hongkong Court.

He was alleged to have stolen a leather hand-bag, containing \$500 in Hongkong and Shanghai currency.

Wong Ling, watchman, on the s.s. "Kwong Sai," stated that in consequence of a report made to him at 3 this morning by a European lady, he and two other watchmen made a thorough search of the ship but with no result. About 6 a.m. when passing the tallyman's cabin door, he met defendant coming out, he stopped and searched him and found the hand bag tucked away under defendant's inner jacket. He took him into custody.

Miss Alice H. Skinner, passenger s.s. "Kwong Sai," stated that she had sat on a chair, on the upper deck, all night with the strap of the bag twisted round her thumb, the bag resting between her head and the back of the chair. At one time, the defendant was sitting on a chair behind her. About 5 a.m. she felt a jerk, which awoke her. On turning round, she found the bag gone and defendant was not in his chair. She had a good search through the ship but failed to find the purse of the defendant.

Defendant's father appeared in Court and stated that he could not control his son's hands and feet.

He asked the Magistrate to deal with defendant in accordance with the law. His Worship said "even your father says you are a bad boy."

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

VALUABLE STONES.

MEN IN POSSESSION REMANDED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning Wong King-cheung charged with unlawful possession of 12 diamonds valued at \$500 and Ki King, with two diamonds valued at \$300, were remanded until 10 a.m. on Thursday.

The two defendants were seen trying to pawn the diamonds at a pawnshop at Queen's Road Central, this morning by Sub-Inspector C. Cotton. Defendants stated that they had won the precious stones at a "Fan Tan" table in Fookien last year, when they were soldiers at that place.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Optional Sweep Stakes Competition played at Happy Valley on August 31 was won by A. E. Lissaman 93-18-75.

Passengers coming out on the "Atsuta Maru" include Miss Chan Shan-chen, Mr. N. G. Fairburn, Prof. W. J. Hinton, Mr. W. Pittie.

The Government of India has issued the following communiqué: "The Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught will come to India for the cold weather. Their Royal Highnesses' visit will be of a purely private nature, and there will be no ceremonial or public functions. Details of the tour are being worked out in consultation with the Viceroy."

Passengers for Hongkong by the P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir" include: Mr. D. G. Burleigh, Mrs. and Mrs. A. D. Borton, Mr. A. Cameron, Lieut. R. A. Childson, Mr. T. S. Cleary, Mr. G. M. Eady, Dr. J. I. Fehley, Mr. A. Flaherty, Mr. M. Flaherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbons, Mr. A. C. Howell, Mr. J. Hargreaves, Mr. L. G. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. A. Johnston, Mr. A. Kinneer, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. E. King, Miss King, Mr. R. McKay, Mr. S. M. Mitchell, Mr. R. W. McJ. Russell, Mr. P. McG. Stewart, Mr. M. Whitby.

Dr. Gertrude R. Brigham, art critic of the Washington (D. C.) "Herald and Post," reached Shanghai in the R. M. S. "Empress of Canada" on her way to Hongkong. Dr. Brigham will teach English at the Canton Christian College and also as the representative of the "Art Promoters Club" of Washington, will interest the Chinese art students in Western art while herself studying Chinese art and sending back specimens to Washington. Dr. Brigham said that she recently appointed President of Canton Christian College, Mr. James McCune Henry, D.D., will teach Chinese in December, and that the Associate President, Wing Kwong-chung, who is at present in South America, will return soon after that time.

COURT OF APPEAL.

"TAI LEE" PIRACY IS RECALLED.

FORFEITURE OF BOND.

The circumstances of the piracy of the "Tai Lee" in the West River (between Kowloon and Wangmoon) in the early hours of the morning of January 21 of this year are once more under consideration of the law with particular reference to the observance of the Piracy Regulations on board at the time of the piracy. The owners' appeal against the forfeiture of the \$5,000 bond entered into under Section 6 of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance opened this morning before Mr. Justice H. H. J. Compertz and Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball sitting in Appellate Jurisdiction.

The Hon. C. G. Alabaster K.C. and Mr. H. S. Fitzroy were for appellants (the Sze Yip S.S. Co. and Li Nan-kai and Ng Kin-cho). Mr. Eldon Potter K.C. was for the Crown.

Mr. Alabaster read the judgment of Mr. C. D. Melbourne, given on June 17, in which he gave as his reasons for ordering the bond to be forfeited—the failure of the ship's officers whilst in the danger zone to carry revolvers and twenty-five rounds each of ammunition, the failure to keep locked the grill door at the entrance to the hatchway and to keep readily and easily available for immediate use equipment prescribed by the regulations. His point would be that the regulations were ultra vires, said Mr. Alabaster. He claimed that the bond was forced upon owners because under Section 3 if they refused to enter into it they were liable to a year's imprisonment and a fine of \$500. It should, therefore, be construed very carefully as it was not voluntary at all; and, even on the terms of the bond the only regulations to be made were those in force at the time being.

Negatory Conditions.

"I claim," said Mr. Alabaster, that in so far as regulations impose conditions outside the limits of the Colony they are negatory and not in force. The regulations differ from the Ordinance which imposes regulations on people not in the Colony.

"Further, we say that the legislature has no right to impose obligations outside the Colony and still less to delegate that power to another body—the executive body—which has no power to make regulations and thereby deprive the crown of its special reserve right of disallowance." Mr. Alabaster finally claimed that the regulations which they were charged with having broken were repugnant to the Merchant Shipping Act which regulated the conduct of officers, crew and passengers and dealt with their safety. It limited the extent to which legislature might deal with Merchant Shipping.

Mr. Fitzroy then addressed the court and argued that the regulations did not apply, because the boat was in a zone where a piracy was impossible. The attack occurred in occupied Chinese territory. A pirate was defined as "a person who satisfies his personal greed by robbery or murder in a place beyond the jurisdiction of any state"—on the high seas.

Mr. Fitzroy quoted the case of an attack made on a boat on a small river, banked on one side by Brazil and on the other by Bolivia. In this case it was held that the attack was not a piracy and as the attack on the "Tai Lee" occurred in the channel, leading to the West River, he held that the same judgment applied.

Mr. Fitzroy was still addressing the Court at the adjournment.

MAJOR ZANNI.

PLANE EN ROUTE FOR WORLD FLIERS.

TO RESUME FLIGHT.

Major Zanni's spare plane arrived in Hongkong to-day, from Yokohama, by the Admiral Line "President Madison." It is packed in two cases and these will be transhipped to Haiphong by the Indo-China s.s. "Mingsang" which leaves on Sunday, September 7 and is due to arrive in Haiphong about Wednesday, September 10. It is believed that Major Zanni together with his observer and mechanic are staying at the Hotel Metropole, Hanoi.

It will be recalled that the Argentinian world-fliers have been held up at Hanoi for a fortnight through the machine turning over and crashing preparatory to taking off for Canton. Major Zanni decided to continue his flight and gave instructions for his spare machine to be sent on to him from Yokohama. This machine, as stated, had now arrived at Hongkong, where it is being transhipped to Haiphong, there being no direct line between Yokohama and Haiphong.

CANTON SITUATION.

IS STRIKE OVER?

Other Features Crop Up.

DR. SUN'S WINDFALL.

Although the Canton general strike is for all purposes an event of the past, disquieting rumours have been current that complete restoration of peace is not an accomplished fact.

There are reports of disagreement between factions of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's army of regulars over the attitude taken by various leaders during the strike. Then there is the rumour, current in Hongkong, and mentioned by our Canton correspondent that for some reason or other, Dr. Sun Yat-sen may yet decline the sum of \$500,000 which was to be paid to his war chest as a contribution from the merchants; and that he may return the arms to the Volunteers without payment in about three weeks' time.

A strict censorship and the cessation of regular communication were probably responsible for the time that has elapsed since certain ugly events happened in Canton city and their being known outside. Last week we hesitated to publish a report that the riff-raff of the city under the guise of being members of the Labourers' "Red" Volunteer Corps, had been looting shops and openly holding up pedestrians. Confirmation has now reached Hongkong about these occurrences and even so it is stated, bloodshed. Disorder of this sort is bound to leave an indelible impression in the minds of those who have suffered.

Changes in Officialdom.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, September 1. Many of Canton's thinking residents are of the opinion that the strike cannot be considered over as anything may happen to set aside or render void the terms of the settlement.

The aftermath includes a breach between the Honanese troops (who supported the Government and placed cordons around the Western Suburb) and the Yunnanese army which remained neutral two of its leaders successfully acting as mediators.

Civil Governor Liu Chung-oh and Commissioner of Police Wu Tien-chen are reported as having fallen into disfavour as the result of the positions they are alleged to have taken up and their antagonism to the merchants during the strike. Mr. Chau Loo, a former Civil Governor and Mr. Lu, head of the Public Works Department, are mentioned as the likely successors respectively.

Mr. Wu Han-min, Dr. Sun's chief secretary, is reported to be recuperating in a sanatorium.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

NO DECISION FROM SINGAPORE.

LOCAL NETS UP.

This morning a letter was received by Mr. L. S. Greenhill, honorary secretary of the H.K.C.C., intimating that Singapore were doing their best to get up an interport cricket team to play Hongkong, and in all probability Shanghai, at Hongkong, between November 11 and 15. However, nothing definite could be decided till the end of this month and it was hoped that Singapore would cable Hongkong at the beginning of October.

Yesterday, nets were put up for the first time this season at the Hongkong Cricket Club. Invitations have been sent to all the other clubs to send along interport "possibles" and it is proposed to put up four nets at the Law Courts side of the ground for the special use of interport candidates, but this innovation is not to come into force till about September 22, or three weeks hence when the trial games will have about commenced. By the end of this month, the interport selection committee will have been appointed and the actual work of choosing will begin.

Until Singapore's decision is announced and members of the proposed Shanghai team asked if leave can be obtained, no pioneer work can be done towards getting up a combined Shanghai-Hongkong team to visit Singapore if it should prove necessary.

SMALL FIRE.

The fire Brigade received a call at two o'clock to-day to No. 15 Hollywood Road but when they arrived found that the occupants had extinguished the fire which had broken out in the kitchen through a bucket of oil catching alight. Only a few dollars' damage was done.

YORKSHIRE'S HAT TRICK.

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONS AGAIN.

THIRD CONSECUTIVE POST-WAR VICTORY.

According to a Renter cable received to-day, Yorkshire has won the County Cricket Championship for the third year in succession by beating Sussex at Brighton yesterday by an innings and 110 runs.

Sussex batted first and were all out for 60; Roy Kilner, the Test match bowler, secured 5 wickets for 18 runs.

Yorkshire replied with 257 for 9 declared, to which Holmes contributed 88.

Sussex were dismissed the second time for 83, Kilner taking 10 wickets for 27 runs.

Last Match Settles Issue.
After last Saturday's results came through it was felt that Yorkshire were very likely to be champions for the third year in succession. Middlesex were the only contenders—and to deprive Yorkshire of the honours they had to beat Surrey at Lord's and Yorkshire would, at the same time, have to oblige them by losing to Sussex. As it is, Yorkshire have decided the issue for themselves by gaining a hollow victory in two days.

Last season, Yorkshire had assured themselves of the championship long before the last match was due. Theirs was a glorious record, going through 32 matches with 25 outright victories, leading on the first innings in 4 matches, losing first innings points only to Hampshire, being defeated by three runs by Nottingham, and one match being abandoned. Their percentage was 85.30.

This year they have had to fight hard and it was only a lapse by Middlesex which allowed Yorkshire to creep to the top at the critical stage of the competition.

Winners' Detailed Record.
Yorkshire's record in detail is as follows:—

Played 30 matches; won 16 matches; lost 3 matches; won on first innings 2 matches; lost on first innings 2 matches; possible points 115; points obtained 88; matches with no result 7; percentage 76.52.

Glamorgan, Leicester, Northants, Somerset and Sussex lost both fixtures with Yorkshire; Derby and Essex were each beaten once and led on the first innings. Yorkshire beat Hampshire, Gloucester, Nottingham and Warwick once each, the remaining fixtures with these counties being abandoned.

The four counties to score advantages over the champions were Surrey, Middlesex, Lancashire and Kent. Surrey beat Yorkshire at the Oval, the first

match being abandoned. Middlesex also defeated Yorkshire once and in the return match led them on the first innings. Lancashire beat Yorkshire after a sensational match at Leeds, and the return match was abandoned. Yorkshire's first match with Kent had to be left uncompleted and in the second Kent took points for a first innings lead.

It is interesting to note that only Yorkshire and Middlesex have won the county championship since the war. Yorkshire won in 1919, Middlesex in 1920 and 1921 and Yorkshire 1922, 1923 and 1924.

Middlesex and Surrey are to-day probably fighting a grim duel for second place before a big crowd at Lord's.

A Team of Professionals.
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It has been Yorkshire's all-round strength, their consistency rather than brilliancy and their always able to play with the same team, that has collectively been responsible for their continued success.

LABOUR DAY.

SPEECHES IN U.S.

In a speech in West Virginia, on Labour Day, Mr. John W. Davis:



democratic nominee for the presidency, urged his hearers to help bring the country to her rightful place in the Councils of Humanity.



Senator La Follette, in a Labour Day speech, broadcast an arraignment of both the older political parties in the United States. He claims evils have grown up under their administration.

WAR CLOUDS NEAR SHANGHAI.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS CUT BY MARSHAL LU YUNG-HSIANG'S FORCES.

Fifteen Miles From International City.

CHIH HSIEH-YUAN'S OUTPOSTS PRESS ON.

A Renter message from Shanghai, received here this morning, states that the forces under Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang (Tupan of Chekiang), have cut the Shanghai to Nanking Railway about 15 miles from the former city.

Communication by rail with Peking has thus been severed. It is also reported that the outposts of Marshal Chih Hsieh-yuan, Inspector-General of Kiangsi, are pushing nearer to Shanghai. Up to the present there has been no fighting.

Only A Match Needed.

A Renter's special service cable to the "Daily Bulletin" reads:

The war preparations are at the stage when it only needs a match to explode the magazine.

From his headquarters at Changchow, Chih Hsieh-yuan will be able to conduct operations eastward of the Taihu Lake, but it is not thought that he will try to cut into Chekiang via Pingwang with Nanking as his objective.

At present Chih Hsieh-yuan's feet is at the Kiangyin forts on the Yangtze, and the limit of his front line is near Linho.

From Linho, Lu Yung-hsiang has a big front to defend, for at half-a-dozen places Chih Hsieh-yuan has large dispositions of troops.

Estimates put the number of men holding the Soochow Creek at Hsien between 30,000 and 35,000, while very large bodies are stationed at Liyang and Hing, westward of Taihu Lake, ready for their passage directly into Chekiang.

Decisive Move Soon.

A dispatch from Renter's special correspondent at Sinkwan, says that Marshal Chih Hsieh-

Powers Take Action.

A Washington message states: Three destroyers have been ordered to Shanghai and a gunboat to Amoy as a precaution.

While a telegram from Paris shows that the French Naval Commander in Chinese waters has been warned to take what steps he considers necessary after consultation with the French diplomatic representative.

Nanking Armed Camp.

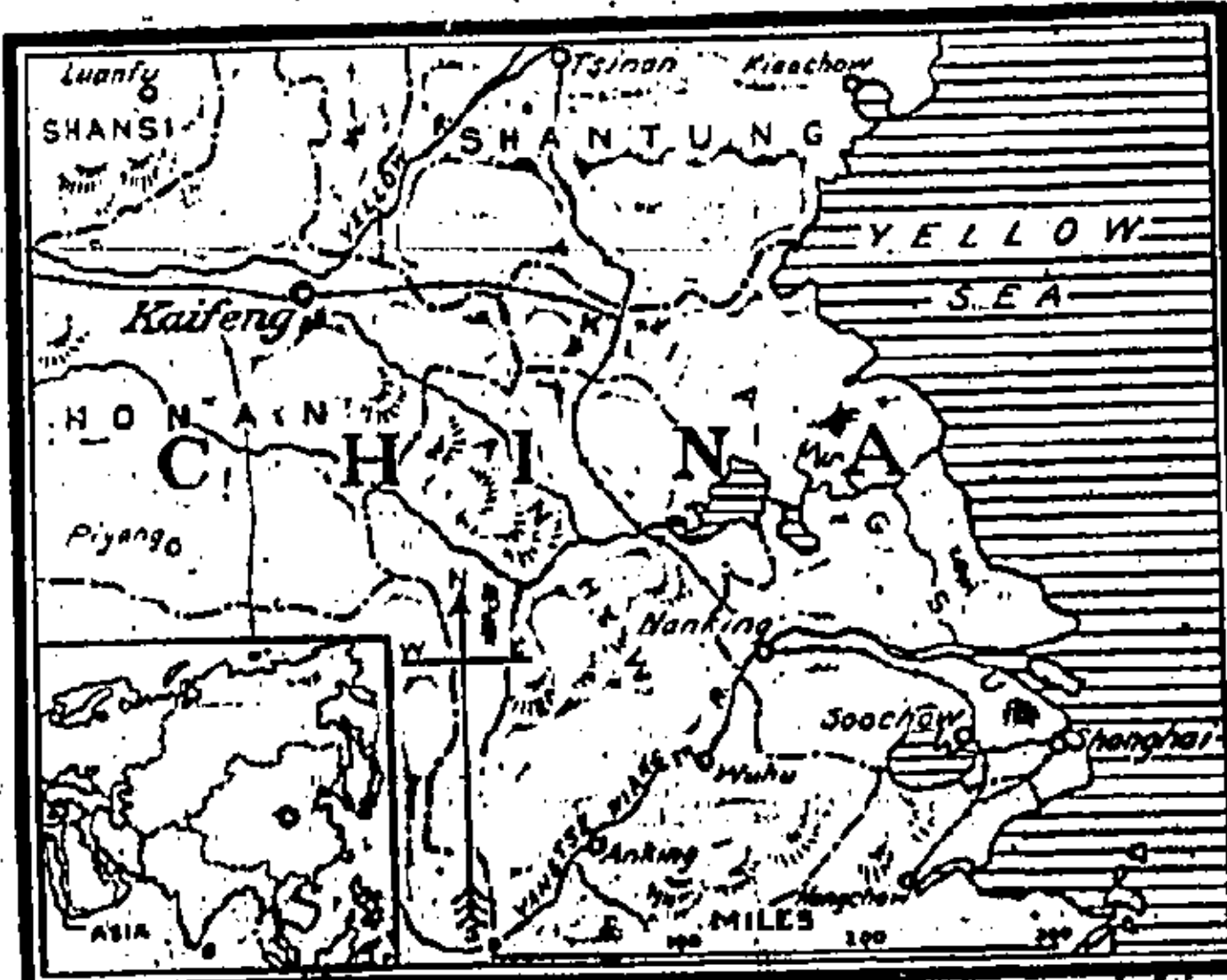
The special correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News," writing on Thursday last, stated:

Nanking is an armed camp. Soldiers are moving in from outlying cities and are being sent to the front at Quinsan.

The troops of General Chen Tiao-yuan, who is in charge of bandit suppression in Kiangsu, Anhui, Shantung and Honan, arrived at Nanking to relieve the divisions which have been sent to the front. These troops are veterans of the guerrilla warfare of northern Kiangsu.

General Bei Bao-shan's troops are said to have been stationed at Hsuehchowfu to relieve Chen Tiao-yuan's brigades.

Kiangsu military men claim that they have not used as much as



The above map shows the railway line between Shanghai and Nanking, which has been cut by troops under the banner of Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang.

year is ready to advance on Shanghai. A decisive move is expected in four or five days. General Chi firmly intends to regain Shanghai and unless Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang peacefully concedes the territory, it is expected that Chi will advance from Quinsan, causing Lu to withdraw or repel the advance, thus opening the war and thereby confirming Chi's statement that he will not fire the first shot.

Marshal Chi commands 100,000 men, which can be increased through an evident agreement with Wu Pei-fu, giving Chi the preponderance. Chi considers the control of Shanghai to be the point of a policy which would have been settled last year but for a disagreement with Wu Pei-fu. The excellence of the plan surprised the Nanking public, who were unaware of the conceptions for several days. The bulk of the troops moved to the front in boats, secretly and at night. Only the troop trains revealed their passage.

It is reported that Marshal Wu will provide more men from Anhui. Several big aeroplanes reached Nanking from Nanyuan by rail on Saturday. Mediation is proceeding but the Peking delegates have been coldly received, owing to contrary opinion on the Shanghai question. It is believed that only Chi's control of Shanghai can avoid war.

The Mukden War-Lord.

The "Shanghai Mercury," according to another cable, has interviewed Dr. T. S. K. Loh, Chief Secretary of General Ho Feng-ling. He declared definitely that Chang Tao-lin would render every assistance to Chekiang.

"HUMORESQUE."

PICTURE WITH SPECIAL MUSIC.

Although the day has yet to arrive when movie plays will be written specially for certain music, it cannot be far distant judging from the success which the big feature film "Humoresque" is meeting in the Coronet Theatre as a production with strong musical as well as strong pictorial

appeal. Skillfully blending pathos and humour, "Humoresque" has been acclaimed the greatest romance ever screened with metaphorical as its theme. Vera Gordon, plays the role of the mother and the other parts are not less ably filled. The innate charm of the picture is greatly enhanced of course by the special music, some of which was expressly brought across from Manila for the performance here. Among the beautiful pieces played is the one after which the picture is named, exquisite "Humoresque" itself.

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LATE MR. STEPHEN.

AN AMERICAN TRIBUTE.

The "China Press" of Shanghai, the leading American organ in the Far East, contains the following tribute to the late Mr. A. G. Stephen:—

No one we are sure will read of the death of Mr. A. G. Stephen with anything but the keenest regret, and deep sympathy for the family he leaves to mourn him. Forty years' service is a large part of any man's life; it is even more in the Far East and when a man has done so much, for his country, his bank and his community there is all the more regret that he could not have enjoyed some years in contemplation of the work he has done. Of his service to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank "enough will be found to show that he was a brilliant successor to those able men who went before him. And if Sir Owen Cameron, Sir Thomas Jackson, and Sir Newton Stubb did, as they undoubtedly did, much to establish this imposing British bank on the foundations which it has to-day, it is to Mr. Stephen, its late chief manager, that credit must be given for the manner in which he has carried on their work.

For his period of management, especially in Shanghai was not of the easiest, at a time when war had shaken the world to its depths. And yet under his spirited leadership the Shanghai branch of this bank passed through the troublous times which afflicted the world and emerged even more strongly established and more than ever a credit to the country to which it belonged. It would be idle to dwell on his other activities in view of the immense worth of his life's work, were it not for the fact that they showed the human side of a man who deserves to rank amongst the builders of Empire. For amongst these last are not only those who have extended the territorial limits of the country, but also those who by their lives and works have enhanced its prestige and honour. Such a man was A. G. Stephen. And as Ronald Macleay rightly said, the opening of the new era here, they are

REDS IN CANTON.

SOVIET LEADER BOUND FOR SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, September 1. M. Borodin, the Soviet representative alleged to be on a mission to the Canton Government, left with his family for Hongkong to-night, en route to Shanghai, Chekiang Province and the North.

It is reported that two Russian Soviet generals, three colonels and two aviators have arrived in Canton.

lasting memorial to his association with Shanghai and to his management of the bank. There was about him a rich, rare humour, a kindliness of spirit for which there are many to bless his memory to-day. Nor did the service he gave the bank preclude him entirely from other interests. His own nationals welcomed him as president of the St. Andrew's Society, the Race Club found in him an enthusiastic supporter, and when he left us to go south, the Colony in Hongkong found him a willing servant as an unofficial member of their Legislative Council to which he brought a ripe knowledge of affairs.

It does not matter to what nationality we belong; we are all capable of honouring a great man and Mr. Stephen deserves that description. Only those who had intimate knowledge of him can appreciate his untiring zeal, the thoroughness with which he carried out a task to which he had put his hand. His inclinations did not bring him into municipal service, but he was, nevertheless, a servant of the community. His help was rarely denied when wanted and many an undertaking in this settlement was a success because of the sympathy he bore it and in taking leave of a man who served his country well, who did his share in enhancing its dignity may we express the hope that his memorial will ever be found in the splendid building on the Bund which must indeed have marked the realisation of his dreams. His death is a distinct loss to the community and perhaps in that thought may be found some consolation for those who find the more nearly mourn his death.

HOME CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS AT WORCESTER.

(Renter's Service.)

London, September 1.

At Worcester, the second day's play in the match against the South Africans, commenced in dull weather, on an easy wicket, and before a fair attendance.

The visitors compiled 276 (Root 5 wickets for 83). Worcester were dismissed for 161 (Meintjes 3 wickets for 38, Carter 3 for 44, Pegler 3 for 21.)

HORSE RACING.

FRENCH CRACK DEFEATED.

(Renter's American Service.)

BELMONT PARK, L.I. September 1. In the presence of the Prince of Wales and a crowd of 50,000, the first of the international horse races was run here to-day. The result was

Wise Counsellor 1.
Epinaud 2.
Ladkin 3.
The distance was 6 furlongs. Time 1 min. 11 4/5 secs.
The track was as fast as lightning. Epinaud was challenging the winner as he passed the winning post. Only half a length divided the first two, with Ladkin a head away third.

At the Volunteer Headquarters yesterday afternoon, New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 615, was put up for sale and quickly disposed of. The lot, situated near Chuk Un village, consisted of 4,300 square feet at an annual rental of \$16. The upset price was \$480 and it was from this sum that the bidding commenced between the dozen people present. Bids of \$50 were accepted and by these the price rose rather rapidly to \$680. At \$750 the lot was knocked down to Mr. William Thom, understood to be acting on behalf of a client.

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AMSTERDAM MARU ... Saturday, 6th Sept.SAILING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY: KAIYO MARU ... Sunday, 7th Sept. at 2 p.m.
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AMOY.

Sept. 6 - O. N. Hailong.
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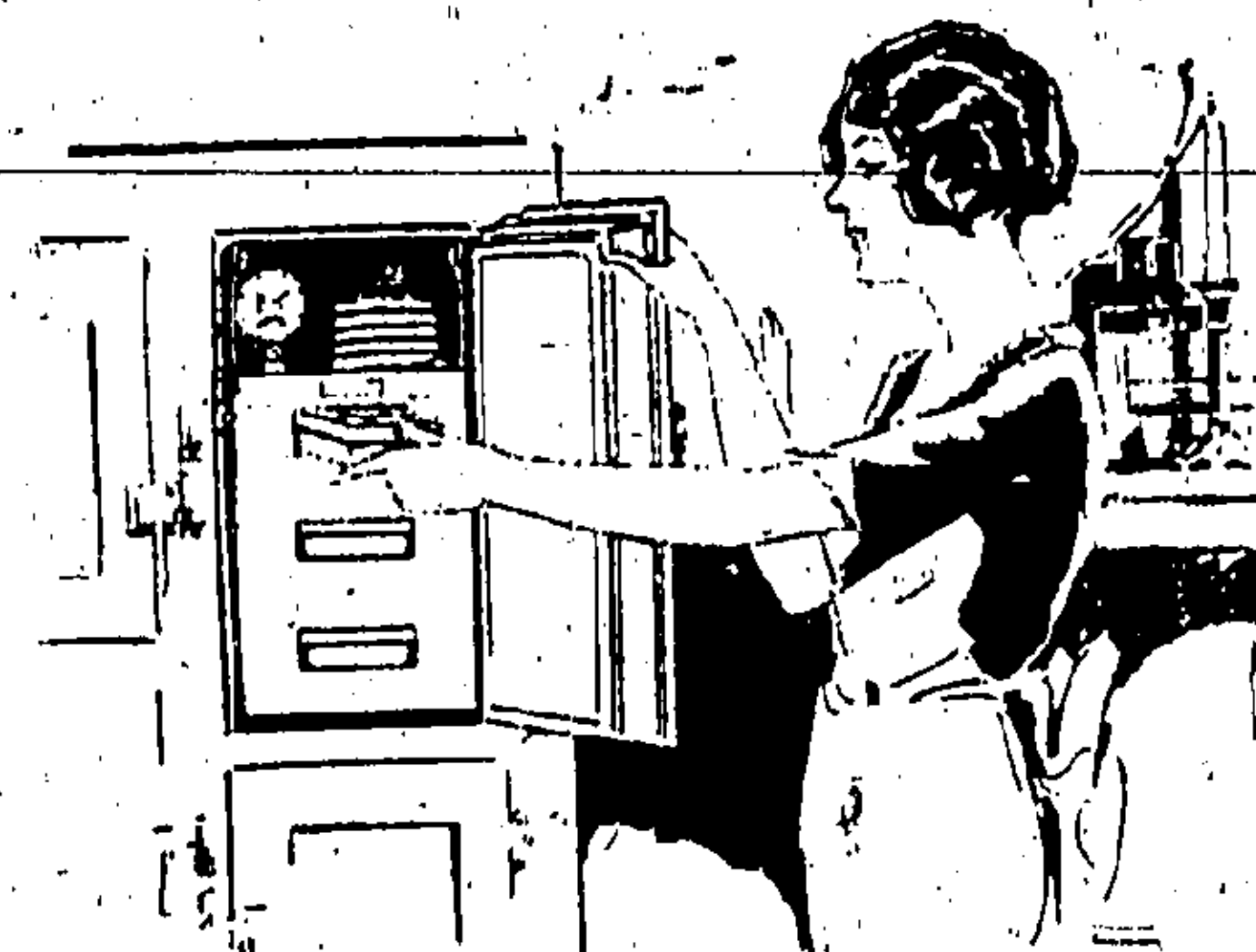
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COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY.

The report of the Board of Directors to be presented at the first ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, at noon on Wednesday, 10th September, states:

The Directors beg to submit their report for the fifteen months ended 30th June, 1924.

Accounts.—After charging Depreciation amounting to \$418.31 on the Architectural Equipment and Furniture, the Profit on Working Account for the period under review amounted to \$13,787.91.

From the annexed Profit and Loss Account it will be observed that the whole of the Preliminary Expenses in connection with the formation of the Company, amounting to \$5,707.85, have been written off, and that further provision for Depreciation has been made, i.e., on Office Furniture \$169.77. The Net Profit of \$67.85, your Directors propose to carry forward to new account.

Directorate.—Mr. F. M. L. Crawford resigned his seat on the Directorate on November 14, 1923, and a vacancy arose on the Board through the lamented death of the Hon. Mr. A. K. Lowe on May 31, 1924. Mr. E. M. Raymond and the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede having joined the Board by invitation, these appointments require confirmation at this meeting. Mr. J. Scott Harrison and the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun retire by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts for the period under review have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

CHINA'S EXPORTS.

MARKED INCREASE.

An increase of nearly 100,000,000 taels in China's exports last year was the outstanding feature of trade conditions during the year and proves abundantly the progressive nature of China's trade, despite unsettled conditions and

adverse circumstances blocking transportation in the interior.

The total value of China's foreign trade for the year was 1,676,320,303 taels, an increase of over 76,000,000 taels over the previous year, and bringing in an increase in revenue of nearly 5,000,000 taels. This latter increase obviously resulted from the introduction of the increased tariff in January, 1923, but the tariff did not realize the full amount expected.

IMPORTS DECREASE.

Imports fell by 22,000,000 taels. Cotton goods, including piece goods, constituted more than 16 per cent. of the total importation, and were the largest class of imports, valued at 151,567,436 taels, a disappointing result. Cotton yarn, chiefly from Japan, slumped to 775,015 piculs, an important reduction; metals and minerals were down to 44,938,111 taels, a reduction of 5,000,000 taels. Machinery imports contracted, paper showed a healthier tone, the quantity of timber imported was less than the previous year, but business was on a sounder basis.

BRITISH TONNAGE LEADS.

Aniline dyes experienced a boom early in the year, but the market was dull during the rest of the year. Artificial indigo supplies were affected by the political situation in Germany, which country is responsible for the bulk of China's needs, but Germany's total last year was nearly 5,000,000 taels. Gasoline, kerosene oil and lubricating oil all showed big increases, the figures being gasoline 6,307,816 gallons, kerosene 214,836,669 gallons, and lubricating oil 7,499,880.

China's exports were silk, tea, raw cotton, bean and bean products, seeds, vegetable oils, skins, hides and furs, and eggs and egg products, all of which exports registered improvements.

British tonnage leads in the shipping record, her quota being 44,055 vessels, aggregating 51,970,000 tons of the total of 131,300,000, the year's total. Remarkable developments in Chinese shipping brought China within a few tons of Japan, who stands second in the list, with 26,068 vessels, aggregating 33,290,000 tons. China, having 46,880 vessels, aggregating 29,020,000 tons, to which may be added 50,416 junks, with a total tonnage of 3,410,000.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Captain F. W. Potter, of the "Suiyang," has gone master. Captain N. H. Leitch, from leave, has gone master. Captain D. R. Molpin, from reserve, has gone second officer. Mr. A. Robertson, chief officer, "Wahing," is on reserve. Mr. F. H. Graybrook, from reserve, has gone chief officer. Mr. W. H. Graybrook, second officer, "Sinking," has gone chief officer. Mr. L. Evans, acting chief officer, "Yingchow," has gone second officer. Mr. W. E. Aycock has been appointed second officer, "Kwangtung." Captain G. H. Pennesfather, of the "Kalgan," has gone master. Captain J. D. Milne, of the "Kwangtung," has gone master. Captain W. W. Orr, third engineer, "Tianchow," has gone third engineer. Mr. J. W. Raymond, third engineer, "Sunning," has resigned. Mr. W. R. Smith, second engineer, "Soochow," is on leave. Mr. J. McBride, from leave, has gone third engineer. Mr. J. R. Middleton, from reserve, has gone second officer. Mr. A. Watson, second officer, "Kingsing," has gone second officer. Mr. P. McAlister, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Hain-chang." Mr. M. J. Dallas, chief officer, "Hain-chang," is on leave. Mr. J. A. V. Tyree, chief officer, "Kiangnan," is on leave. Mr. W. H. Watson, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Haining." Mr. T. H. Ball, third officer, "Haining," has gone second officer, "Haihong." Mr. J. E. Drummond, second officer, "Haihong," has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. O. H. Farrar, chief officer, "Haihong," has gone chief officer, "Haining." Mr. P. J. Gill, chief officer, "Haining," is on leave. Captain A. W. Best, of the "Kungon," is on reserve. Mr. J. Webster, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kungon." Captain T. W. Spence, from leave, has gone master, "Mo-Hon." Mr. W. R. Reynolds, acting master, "Mo-Hon," has gone chief officer, "Nairung." Mr. E. P. Smith, chief officer, "Nairung," is on reserve. Mr. M. L. Jenkins, second officer, "Nairung," is on leave. Captain R. M. de la Sala, from reserve, has gone master, "Wong Shek Kung." Captain F. V. Benz, of the "Wong Shek Kung," is on reserve. Captain J. C. Loring, of the "Kai-ping," is on reserve. Captain R. M. Macfarlane, from leave, has gone master, "Kai-ping." Shipping & Engineering.

BOOK CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Sanitary Board Room, last evening, the annual meeting of the Hongkong Book Club was held. Dr. W. W. Pearce, O.B.E., who was in the chair, was re-elected President for the ensuing year. Mr. Charles Gerken was heartily thanked for his services as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and re-elected to serve in the same capacity for the next twelve months. The other names on the committee are Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Hewer, Messrs. P. T. Lambie, C. G. Roe, F. W. Shaftain and A. G. McClay. Messrs. Shaftain, Roe and Penny were elected as Librarians. Some discussion took place on the method of selecting books and it was finally decided that the Hon. Secretary make the necessary selections and that suggestions for books to be purchased be sent to him for consideration. A vote of thanks to Dr. Pearce for presiding and a further vote of thanks to the Sanitary Department for the use of the Board room concluded the meeting.

America is fourth, with 4,994 vessels, giving a total of 5,970,000 tons. France, Netherlands and Germany following. German tonnage showed a remarkable recovery. Absent from the customs sheet during the war, in 1921 the country appeared with four vessels. By 1922 the figure had increased to 125, and last year it stood at 894 vessels, aggregating 1,370,000 tons. Polish and Spanish flags appeared for the first time in the shipping table last year. Shanghai ranked highest in contributing to the record tonnage figure, her quota standing at 44,055 vessels, aggregating 51,970,000 tons.

AN INTERVIEW.

CHIRKIANG-TUPAN SPEAKS PLAINLY.

WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, September 1. General Shi Yung-hsiang, Tupan of Chekiang, during his interview with the "North China Daily News" (part of which appeared in last night's issue of the "China Mail"), was asked whether there was not some basis for negotiation on the Chihai peace party's terms. He laughed and said that the thought of negotiating on the basis of these terms (which were that he should become Inspector-General of Chekiang and Fukien and that General Ho Feng-lin, his lieutenant in Shanghai, should become Tachun of Chekiang, and that Shanghai and the 11 shien be returned to Kiangsu, and that independence should become void) amused him. "These terms are a bribe and I won't be bribed; everybody has tried to do that since the days of Yuan Shih-kai. I have resisted bribery from others and resist it now. The whole question is one of principle, not of my own position. I am not holding out for a higher position for myself; I have certain ideals, of which the people of Chekiang approve. Those ideals I adhere to. I am not a coward. I am not afraid to fight. If I discuss peace now, the people will say I am afraid of Wu Pei-fu and Chi Hsieh-yuan, and that I am ready to accept any offers they might make. That is not true. Last summer I was willing to meet Chi in Shanghai face to face to discuss our differences and to find a means of settlement. He would not come. Now it is too late. I do not accept bribes and I won't run away from danger. My position is different from that of other military officials. I am the Tupan of Chekiang by will of the people. Chekiang public opinion selected me as Tupan. Wu Pei-fu's offer would mean that I have to desert the province of Chekiang and probably live in Foochow. Public opinion in Chekiang would be opposed to that. The people would say I was not true to my ideals, nor faithful to the trust they reposed in me. The Peking Government exists on a military dictatorship. Of course, anywhere a government can be unified by force. If you use enough force, but has it proved practicable? In my opinion, it only proved that the policy which ruins provinces makes the people suffer. Take for instance the example of the province of Fukien. There has been fighting in that province for eleven years, yet there is no unification there and no peace. Wu Pei-fu claims he had unified Szechuan, but careful investigation has proved that Szechuan to-day is not really unified nor at peace. Many different parties are prolonging the processes of the disunion of China.

Unification Bluff.

"The Central Government is illegal. It pays no heed to the Constitution or the will of the people. Officials are often like bandits taking what they can in any circumstances. They do their work in a most peculiar manner. A man will come to Peking from Kwangtung, Yunnan, Kweichow or Kiangsi. He will say that he can unify the province. The Government without investigation and without finding out whether the people of that province want that particular man to authorize them to assist that general to ruin the province, to fill it with Chihli soldiers, so as to bring misery and desolation on the people. That is not unification; that is supporting banditry. Therefore I strongly oppose Wu Pei-fu's policy of unification by force. There is only one way to unify China. That is by recognizing the will of the people. Let each province speak for itself. Let each province select its own representative. Then let the Central Government recognize that the representative is genuine. Instead of the people suffering, they would benefit. Let the will of each province be freely expressed. Again I want to repeat I want no war; I made no attack; I was attacked, but I cannot negotiate on the basis of deserting Chekiang or opposing the will of the people."

U.S. Naval Boats.

Washington, September 1. Three destroyers have been ordered to Shanghai and a gunboat to Amoy as a precaution.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

BUS DRIVER IS ACQUITTED.

CORONER'S ENQUIRY.

In returning a verdict of accidental death yesterday after holding an enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese woman killed in a bus accident on July 19, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting as Coroner, returned a verdict of accidental death—but added that the driver should be re-examined before his licence should be returned to him, and that the Bus Company should examine the buses each morning, evidence having been given that this was not done. Mr. H. S. Denny, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Company and Mr. E. S. Corke on behalf of deceased's relatives. Dr. Moore, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Mortuary, gave evidence of the injuries and said that death was due to concussion of the brain. A passenger of the bus, describing the accident, said that the bus had come from the Star Ferry and was nearing the Government Dispensary when it swerved to the right. Witness was sitting in the front row, but could not see in front. It was travelling on the left side of the road, and was not going very fast. After it swerved, witness looked back and saw a dog running away. When it reached half way across the road witness jumped off the bus and fell on the roadway. When he got up again, the bus had run against a pillar and deceased was lying on the road. Sergeant Dorling, who visited the scene after the accident, said that he could follow the marks of the bus wheels, which showed that the bus, after swerving, travelled in a half circle across the road. The conductor gave corroborative evidence. He said that the bus was going at the rate of about 11 miles an hour. The deceased was sitting on the left side of the back seat. On seeing a passenger jumping off, she too, tried to jump off.

No Examination.

The driver, examined by the Coroner as to the action he took with regard to applying the brakes, said that before swerving he applied the brakes and took out the clutch. He could not give any explanation as to why the bus did not stop before striking the pillar. Answering a further question, witness said that nobody examined the buses before starting on their run in the morning. Whenever anything got out of order, it was reported to the Company and it was repaired. Sergeant McWalter said that as far as the swerving was concerned, the driver was quite right in not turning back to the left again as the bus was likely to overturn. As to the bus not stopping before reaching the other side of the road, witness said that the driver most probably put the clutch too far when putting into neutral. Witness could not give evidence as to the condition of the brakes as the engine was so badly damaged that it could not be started.

"A CITY SPARROW."

STAR THEATRE'S NEW PICTURE.

Ethel Clayton, appears in the novel rôle of an Apache dancer in her new Paramount picture, "A City Sparrow," which will be shown at the Star Theatre this evening. This marks a distinct departure for Miss Clayton, who has been appearing recently in stories of married life, notably, "The Thirteenth Commandment" and "Young Mrs. Winthrop." Although Miss Clayton is unmarried in this picture, the theme of marriage plays a vital part in the production. During one of her dances, Miss Clayton, the character she is portraying, injures herself and is sent to the hospital. She recovers, but the physician tells her she will never become a mother. Later she comes to love David Muir (Clyde Fillmore), whose fondness for children brings her to a full realization of what may be a domestic tragedy. She accepts Muir when he proposes, but sends him a note later to the effect that she is more interested in her career than in him. Muir, demands an explanation, and she reveals the truth. He assures her that he wants her for herself alone, and all ends happily. Sam Wood's direction is at its best in this story by Kate Jordan. Walter Hiers and Lillian Leighton bring a vein of comedy which is in effective contrast to the serious theme.

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ADMIRALTY WARNS FOREIGN VESSELS.

[FROM "N. C. DAILY NEWS"]

Shanghai, Aug. 28.—Scarcely anything really definite with regard to the possible armed clash between Kiangsi and Chekiang, developed yesterday, either one way or the other. A few local incidents occurred which it must be admitted were of a menacing order, but they did not have any specially alarming effect.

The most satisfactory report, which comes from a highly authoritative source, is that any actual outbreak of hostilities, even should it happen at all, is believed to be unlikely for another week or 10 days.

There was a measure of excitement at the Shanghai-Nanking Railway station early yesterday morning. A force of Gen. Ho Peng-shih's troops marched up and it was explained that an order had been given to close the line in order to check the movement of troops. The gates were locked and a discussion followed with the railway authorities, as a consequence of which the commander of the troops refrained from an actual seizure of the station. A few soldiers were left on guard within the station premises, an officer with the nominal duties of military station master was installed and soldiers also were posted in the telegraph and other offices. As a consequence of all this two early morning trains had to be cancelled. Normal running was resumed later.

It was reported that trains were running regularly on outside sections of the line and that there had been no interference whatever during the past few days. Some alarm was caused by the circulation of the news of a breakdown at Kashing and of course it was surmised that the troops had torn up the line. So far as can be gathered, however, a goods train met with an accident and a wagon was derailed, but from what cause cannot be ascertained. A large number of Chinese eager to travel despite the possible dangers, camped outside the station gates, patiently waiting for the resumption of traffic on the line, but there was a distinct lack of excitement or panic.

MOKANSHAN SAFE.

Many inquiries have been received from people who have relatives or friends at Mokanshan and it only can be said that the best advice is for them to remain there; the holiday resort probably being about as safe a place as any. If they must come away and the direct route should be closed, it still would be possible to get back to Shanghai via Hangchow, Shaoxing and Ningpo, but the long journey scarcely would be worth while. It is beyond the imagination that there will be any fighting in the immediate neighbourhood of the mountain and to stay there would be far wiser than wandering about the country at the mercy of irresponsible military underlings. Even should the very worst happen, it must be remembered that General Lu and Marshal Chi both are advanced and civilized officers and they can be relied upon to see that foreigners secure safe conduct.

For several days special precautions have been taken on the Hunghai, especially as regards vessels under way after dark, and yesterday Admiral H. K. Tu, Commander-in-Chief, issued a notice to the effect that, as it might be necessary at any moment to strengthen the defences between the Kiangyin Ports and Woosung, vessels were warned until further notice not to proceed up-river between sunset and sunrise and any passing through the section by day must fly their national colours. In the event of a vessel being sunk or damaged through disobeying this order, the Government and the Admiralty will disclaim all responsibility.

The piece goods auctions in Shanghai have been suspended. The telegraph wires are working normally.

TERROR OF NANKING.

The rolling stock of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway has been commandeered by Marshal Chi. Six troop trains left Nanking on the night of August 25 and eight on the 26th. Passenger trains from Nanking yesterday were delayed several hours on this account.

Not since the two Revolutions

has the city of Nanking been so panic-stricken. All coolies and ricksha men in sight and even ordinary pedestrians have been pressed into service by the soldiers, rickshas and carriages must be hidden to escape being commandeered, and last night troops began to break into homes to conscript men. The commanders are trying to bring their divisions up to full strength. The rougher soldiers are constantly using threats of conscription to extort money from citizens. As a result, needed labour is almost impossible to secure, and transportation is at a high price. (Chi issued an order on Tuesday afternoon against illegal conscription, but with little effect. The situation will no doubt be somewhat improved when most of Chi's troops have left the city.)

Educational leaders met on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of opening the schools and are anxiously awaiting the turn of events. This group and many others are issuing pleas for peace, and are trying to influence public opinion against the war. The bitter resentment of the common people is adequate evidence that any fighting will be a war of only militarists and mercenaries.

There is a heavy rain on the banks and many large stores are refusing bank notes. Your correspondent came by railway to Shanghai this afternoon. The largest number of soldiers was seen at Quinsan. Passengers boarding at that station reported the town emptied of inhabitants, the troops quartered in homes, schools and public buildings, conscription of labour in force, and the talk of war on every side. The train was crowded with refugees. At every station were special railway guards.

EXODUS FROM SOOCHOW.

Soochow, Aug. 26.—The city is even more nervous than yesterday, and even wilder rumours are afloat. Of course what the people fear is not so much fighting as looting. All the police are armed with rifles, both day and night, as has been the case during past revolutions. A stream of the wealthy people, with their valuables, still flows towards Shanghai, and from all the surrounding towns more people are coming into the city. Practically all the launch lines have stopped, and many of the launches have been commandeered for moving troops. It seems that many troops are on the move. Many are being sent northeast to Changshu (Zung Zuh). No one seems to know why they are being sent towards the river.

CHEKIANG CONFIDENT.

Hangchow, Aug. 27.—According to one of the staff officers of General Lu Yung-hsiang, the Chekiang troops are fully prepared to cope with the situation at any moment in case General Chi Hsieh-yuan's troops should open fire upon the Chekiang troops. Fighting will be actually started, if it takes place at all, immediately after the arrival at Hangchow of the troops under the command of Tsang Chi-ping and Yang Hui-chao who are now staying in the district of Chang-shan, Chekiang, states the staff officer. There are at present approximately 70,000 Chekiang troops, including 5,000 troops belonging to General Tsang Chi-ping. (These figures need to be taken with the greatest reserve; numbers are being habitually exaggerated—Ed.) and it is reported that the number of the Kiangsu troops is about the same as the Chekiang forces, as soldiers have of late been recruited by General Chi Hsieh-yuan, Tschun of Kiangsu in order to keep the balance of power between the two provinces.

General Lu Yung-hsiang of Chekiang, who is considered as one of the wealthiest Tschuns in this country, is to all appearance optimistic so far as his military funds are concerned.—"Eastern News Agency."

RUN ON TIENSIN BANK.

Tientsin, Aug. 27.—There was an exceptional run on the Tientsin branch of the Industrial Development Bank of China to-day owing to the inability of the Nanking branch of the Bank to pay out. All the demands were met and it is estimated that \$500,000 was paid out to-day.—"Reuter."

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ITEMS IN ANNUAL REPORT.
PAID SECRETARY POSSIBLE.

The Kowloon Cricket Club annual meeting is to be held on Friday, September 13. The main issue for discussion is the appointment of a paid Secretary, who would also have to undertake the duties of Steward and General Custodian of Club property. Below will be found items of interest from the annual report issued as on July 31 last.

Finance.
The profit for the year is \$509.68 only, this being due to heavy expenditure in connection with repairs, additions, and alterations to the pavilion and ground, and also to the reduction in prices for refreshments. In this connection it must be remembered that at the last annual meeting the committee received a mandate from the members present to expend such monies as were necessary for the general improvement and greater comfort of the Club and it is hoped that what has been done has given entire satisfaction.

All the debentures with the exception of four have been redeemed and it is hoped these will be paid off soon.

Membership.
Since the 1st August, 1923, one hundred and nineteen new members have joined the Club, a few old members rejoined and about ninety resigned or had their names removed on account of their departure or for other reasons. The present membership is 478 as against 449 in 1922-23.

The Committee record with deep regret the deaths of Messrs. A. A. Claxton, P. H. Dwyer, J. W. Hubbard, R. Hutchison, G. H. May, N. S. Moses, J. Spittles, Wm. Stewart and W. L. Weaver.

Dr. C. Forsyth, who for many years has been our popular president, recently left the Colony owing to indifferent health and has expressed a desire to be relieved of his duties in this capacity. A fitting presentation was made to him on behalf of the Club as a token of esteem and gratitude for his valued services.

Mr. H. E. Stevens, Hon. Treasurer of the Club, left the Colony in June last on transfer to England and the Committee duly appointed Mr. C. J. Roe to fill the vacancy. For his many years of valuable services on the Committee and as Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Stevens was made the recipient of suitable presentations from the Club before his departure.

Grounds and Pavilion.
The cricket pitch has received considerable attention during the summer months and should be in good order for the coming season. The bowling green has also been considerably enlarged and improved.

The Club was not so successful at the Horticultural Show as in former years, two 1st and three 3rd prizes and two awards of merit being obtained. The flowers and plants are in excellent condition.

Extensive renewals and alterations were made during the season, considerably improving the pavilion throughout and adding to the general comfort and convenience of members.

Cricket.
Although not so successful as the previous season, the cricket during 1923-24 was just as bright and enjoyable. We were again without several of our old playing members on account of absence on leave. The first XI played 16 matches, won 5, lost 10 and drew 1. The second XI played 21 matches, won 5, lost 13 and drew 3.

Tennis.
We entered one team in the first division of the Hongkong Tennis League and two teams in the second division, but all matches are not yet played owing to constant postponements on account of rain.

The first division team tied for first place with the United Services Recreation Club and the Indian Recreation Club and arrangements were made for a play off to decide Championship honours. Although the second division team have not been very successful the many matches played have afforded a large number of our tennis enthusiasts much enjoyment.

Bowls.
The Bowls Committee has had the Green enlarged and the old

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POLO AND RACING.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, September 1.

The Prince of Wales yesterday morning spent two hours exercising his polo ponies on the polo grounds near Westbury. One of his mounts was a pony "Kitty," which Major Metcalfe will use in the cup matches. After that the Prince went for a long motor trip and sail up Long Island sound in a steam yacht. To-day he participates in scratch game of polo and will possibly visit Belmont Park to see Epinal and meet some of the best American horses, including Zev and Ladkin, in a six furlong race, the first of a series of three international sweepstakes.

AMERICAN FLIGHT.

IN PERFECT WEATHER.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, September 1.

Lieut. Smith and Lieut. Nelson's flight from Iqvit to Ictickie was performed in perfect weather with a north-west wind at 20 to 40 miles per hour. Sometimes the machines travelled at 125 miles per hour. A group of Pressmen and a few fisher folk on the shore welcomed the aviators.

portion as well as the new has been thoroughly retrained, and given fine weather, the lawn will be found to compare favourably with any in the Colony. For the first time in the history of bowls' season we have entered two teams in the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League. The team in the "A" division has proved itself worthy of its place and is assured of its present position. The "B" team, with the assistance of some of the older players, is doing as well as was expected and is bringing forward new enthusiasts for next season. To these older players our thanks are due.

The Golf Section of the Club, which for the past fifteen years has been one of the outstanding features, has automatically ceased to exist with the conversion of King's Park. There has been universal regret at the loss of King's Park Course but we are looking forward to playing soon on the new links under construction at Kowloon City.

CLUB SPORTS RESULTS.

Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament, 1924.

Open Championship.—Winner, T. Lay; runner-up, H. Krebs. Challenge round, T. Lay defeated S. E. Green (holder).

Scratch Pairs.—Winners, E. Abraham and N. Trambitzky; runners-up, R. E. Lindsell and T. Lay.

Handicap Doubles.—Finalists, A. W. Ramsay and A. J. Kew v. L. A. R. Duncan and N. Trambitzky.

Handicap Singles "A".—Winner, A. W. Ramsay; runner-up, S. E. Green.

Handicap Singles "B".—Winner, E. Savage; runner-up, E. Trambitzky.

Ladies' Championship Singles.—Winners, Mrs. M. Minney; runner-up, Mrs. J. A. Howe.

Mixed Doubles.—Winners, T. Lay and Mrs. McCaw; runners-up, A. W. Ramsay and Miss Capell.

Batting and Bowling Averages. Best batting average 1st XI, A. W. Ramsay (27.07).

Best bowling average 1st XI, J. C. Fletcher (13.88).

Best batting average 2nd XI, J. Fraser (20.81).

Best bowling average 2nd XI, A. O. Brawn (7.80).

Golf.
Mead Championship.—Winner, T. Grant; runner-up, H. Overy.

Captain's Cup.—Winner, H. Overy; runner-up, K. A. Mason.

China Mail Cup.—Winner, T. Monaghan; runner-up, A. W. Muir.

High Handicap.—Winner, T. Monaghan; runner-up, P. Heathcote.

Mixed Foursomes.—Winners, H. Overy and Mrs. Atkinson; runners-up, J. C. Fletcher and Mrs. Howe.

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AN AMAZING FIGHT.

DEFEAT OF CARPENTIER
BY TUNNEY.

New York, August 1.—Scenes of the wildest disorder marked a technical knock-out of Georges Carpentier by Gene Tunney, the light heavy-weight champion of America, in the 15th and final round here.

After receiving a severe hammering in all but four rounds, Carpentier fell, just before the bell in the fourteenth round, from a right-hand drive to the body. As the Frenchman collapsed he shouted out that he had been felled, and lay writhing on the ground until dragged to his corner by his seconds.

M. Descamps, the Frenchman's manager, dashed across the ring and pulled the referee, Mr. Griffin, over to Carpentier in an endeavour to prove he had been struck low. The ring was in wild turmoil during this interval.

Some of the Frenchman's seconds tried to prepare him for the 15th round, while others tried desperately to convince the referee that a foul had been committed.

When the bell rang M. Descamps was still in the ring. He handed Carpentier to the centre and pushed him in the direction of Tunney, who was standing, somewhat nonplussed, in the centre of the ring.

Carpentier, doubled up and apparently in pain, came staggering on. When he saw that the referee would not allow his claim of a foul he attempted to continue the fight. The referee, however, waved Tunney back to his corner and the fight was over.

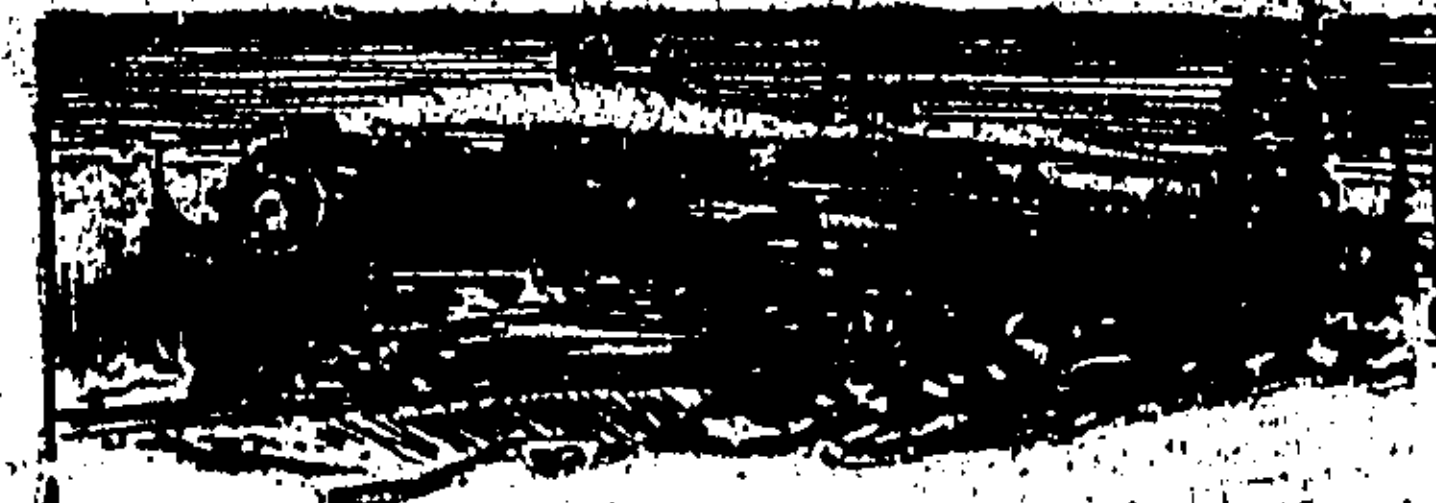
It was an unfortunate ending to as great a display of will power and gameness as has ever been witnessed in the ring.

The crisis came in the 10th round.

It was only Carpentier's indomitable will power and courage that kept him on his feet. He took the count three for nine, eight, and six seconds, but refused to quit.

After the third knock down he was so helpless that the referee stepped between the fighters and ordered them to their corners. Carpentier, however, imposed his will on the referee and absolutely refused to obey him. Pushing the referee aside, he dashed into Tunney amid the rousing cheers of the crowd.

In the following round, Carpentier, bleeding and almost blind, staggered about the ring—in Kipling's phrase, "steering like a dray"—and just managed to weather the storm of blows Tunney rained on him. The Frenchman's gameness seemed to nonplus Tunney, whose aggressiveness dwindled. Carpentier held him even for the 12th and 13th rounds.



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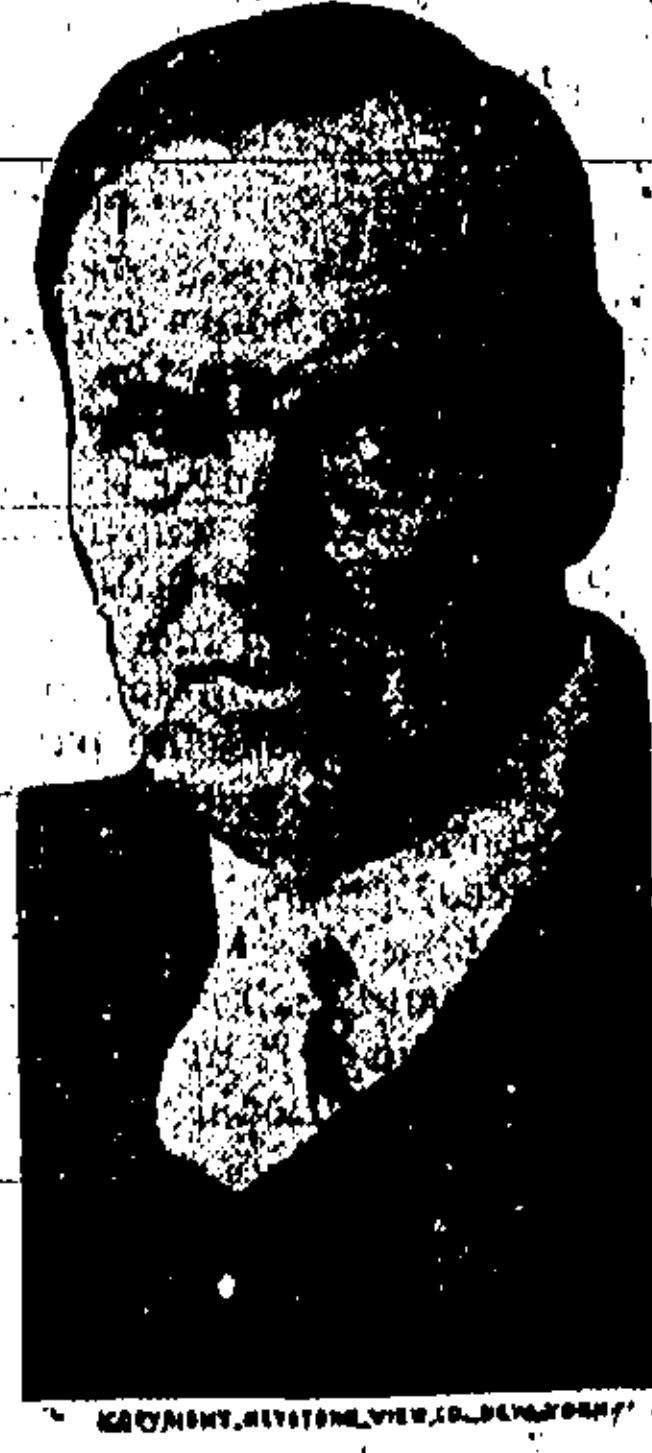
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Capt. J. H. Klein, officially qualified as a pilot recently and has arranged to leave early in August for Friedrichshafen, where the ZR-3 is being constructed for the United States. He will make the return trip to the United States as an observer aboard the ZR-3 which is expected to start flight from Germany to America early in September.



Clarence Darrow, noted attorney, who is counsel for the boy slayers, Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr., who on August 4 was to go on trial for the murder of Robert Franks.



Julius Fleischmann, famous "Yeast King," has given £1,000,000 to his wife and also given her leave to marry the man she loves, Mr. Jay O'Brien, former husband of Mae Murray and Irene Fenwick, screen stars. Mr. Fleischmann has done an unprecedented thing in giving up the wife he loves and giving her a "dowry" so she may live in happiness with her new husband.

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Judge George W. Olvany, selected as leader of Tammany Hall to succeed the late Charles F. Murphy. Judge Olvany was favoured for the position by Governor Smith, who had appointed him to his present bench in the Court of General Sessions. The Judge announced that, as Tammany leader, he would follow, in the main, the policies of his predecessor. His selection was virtually unanimous.



Mrs. John R. Drexel, Jr., is seeking

divorce from her husband, whom she charges with mental cruelty. No one at all would have been aware of the divorce proceedings, if Mr. Drexel had not been injured. While walking on Madison avenue, New York, a steel bar holding a canopy gave way and hit him on the head, fracturing the scalp and making him delirious.



Former Crown Prince George of Saxony, who is to embrace the priesthood at Trent, to explain the sins of his mother. Twenty-one years ago she was Queen Louise, consort of Friedrich August, III. She died the prince, along with an Italian pianist, leaving her five children and husband behind. A short time later, a baby was born at the time the King divorced her. After a deal of wrangling the King recognized the child as the Princess Blanche, but refused to recognize her mother.

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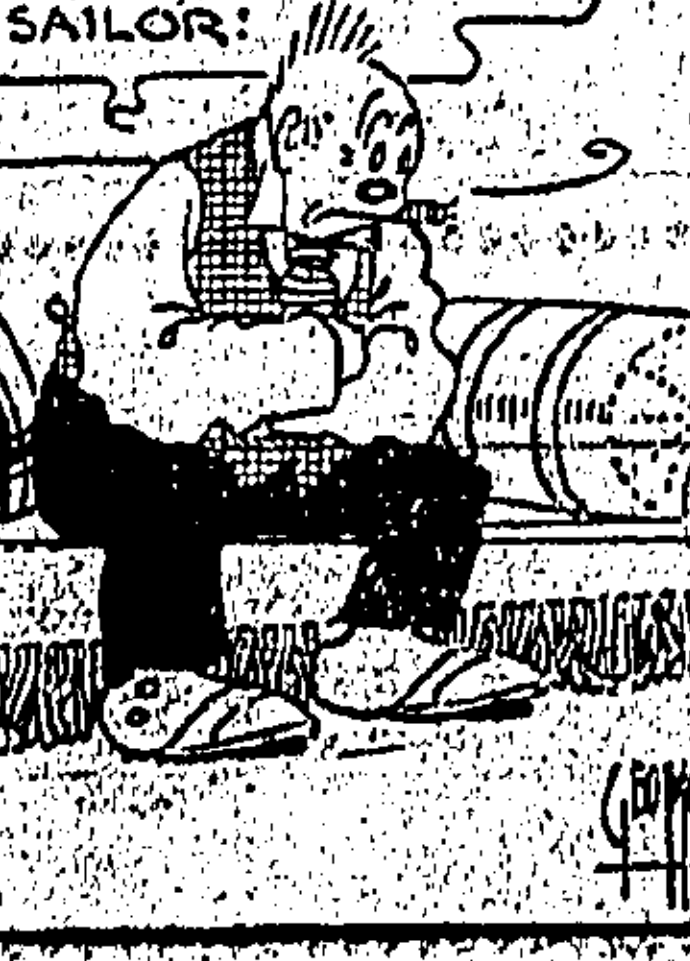
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